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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS )  
FOR COMPILING COMPUTER )  
PROGRAMS USING PARTIAL )  
FUNCTION INLINING )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, United Kingdom patents UK 2343029 and UK 2357873, are attached. These documents were cited in an International Search Report for International application No. PCT/US 01/26075 as family members of German Patent DE 19934515. A copy of the International Search Report for International application No. PCT/US 01/26075, is also attached.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,119,198 to Fromm and U.S. Patent No. 6,286,130 to Poulson et al., were cited by an Examiner in a corresponding pending application (Serial No. 09/244,133) on July 23, 2002.

U.S. Patent No. 6,077,312 to Bates et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,774,724 to Heisch, EP Patent Application No. EP 0 965 921 A2, and the Valvano article entitled *Debugging Strategies*, were cited in a PCT Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US 01/31330 dated July 31, 2002.

U.S. Patent No. 5,905,856 to Ottensooser, U.S. Patent No. 5,301,312 to Christopher, Jr. et al., and the Kropp et al. article entitled *Automated Robustness Testing of Off-the-Shelf Software Components*, were cited in a PCT Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US 01/31886 dated August 1, 2002.

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,055,368 to Kunioka, 6,173,327 to De Borst et al., 6,263,485 to Schofield, 5,761,426 to Ishizaki et al., 6,253,252 to Schofield, US-2002/0078010 to Ehrman et al., US-2001/0051974 to Saad, 6,351,845 to Hinker et al., 6,311,320 to Jibbe, 5,745,897 to Perkins et al., 5,710,727 to Mitchell et al., 5,353,401 to Iizawa et al., 5,438,659 to Notess et al., 5,075,847 to Fromme, US-2002/0046201 to Hembry, JP 03282731 A, EP 1081585 A1, JP 07056716 A, and FR 2793908 A1, were cited by an Examiner in a corresponding pending application (Serial No. 09/686,369) on August 14, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form and returning it to applicants' undersigned representative.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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